Airlines Flight IC-814 are brought to justice, as part of their joint efforts to combat international terrorism.

(c) The two countries agreed on a range of measures to enhance cooperation to combat international terrorism, and as part of this process, the two sides would share experience, exchange information, and co-ordinate approaches and action.

Proposal to cancel Samjhauta Express

55. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to cancel Samjhauta Express between India and Pakistan following reports that the train is being used for smuggling purposes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) No, sir. There is no proposal to cancel the Samjhauta Express between India and Pakistan.

Cases of smuggling of arms, ammunition, fake Indian currency, narcotics, etc., from Pakistan, using the Samjhauta Express, have come to the notice of Government. Government will exercise due vigilance to ensure that such endeavors do not succeed.

Nuclear threat from Pakistan

56. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan was again trying to put pressure on India, by internationalising the Kashmir issue and even threatened recently that it would not hesitate to press the nuclear button to settle it;

(b) whether Government's attention has also been drawn to a news item published in the Hindustan Times dated 4.02.2000 saying "Pakistan has set up a nukecommand" for handling its nuclear programme with Chief Executive General, being its overall incharge; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government to Pakistan's reported nuclear threats and whether India is fully prepared to accept this challenge?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Government are aware of the hostile anti-India propaganda being carried out by Pakistan, including the call for 'Jehad' against India. Government is also aware of the irresponsible statements emanating from Pakistan about their nuclear capabilities. Government has noted that Pakistan has not declared a policy of 'no-first-use' of nuclear weapons.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. Government has seen reports of the establishment of a Nuclear Command Authority by Pakistan. Government closely monitors and continuously assesses all such developments. Government remain fully committed to taking all necessary steps to effectively safeguard India's security and national interest in accordance with its own threat perceptions.

Action against declaration of Jehad by Osama Bin Laden

†57. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1570 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th December, 1999, and state:

(a) whether Government have achieved favourable results by raising this matter at international level;

(b) whether the hijacking of an Indian plane was lined with it and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.